

news

is he
is she
are we

x asper ated?

feeding on the sound bite

fast
easy
sweet
only one calorie

pre-digested

news for youandme

check the label?

read the fine print:

you are

what you eat

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Lorene Oikawa is first vice-chair of Local 604 (Component 6) of the British Columbia Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU), an 800-member local representing social workers, probation officers and educational workers in the greater Vancouver area. This is Oikawa's first published poem, a reaction to media mogul Israel ("Izzy") Asper's expanding corporate control of media in Canada.

Asper's company, CanWest Global Communications, took over where Conrad Black left off, buying his Hollinger and Southam newspaper holdings, including the **National Post**. In 2002, CanWest ordered all of its daily newspapers to run standard editorials produced in the company's Winnipeg head office.